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SUBJ: RENOVATION OF CONSULATE BUILDING BRATISLAVA

REF: STATE 227336

1. DISCUSSIONS HERE AMONG CONCERNED SECTIONS OF MISSION HAVE CONCLUDED THAT NO REMODELING OF OFFICE SPACE (EXCEPT MINOR CHANGES WHICH CAN BE ARRANGED BY AMENDMENT TO RENOVATION CONTRACTS) WILL BE NEEDED. P&C LIBRARY CAN OCCUPY GROUND FLOOR, WHILE ALL SECTIONS SHARE EXISTING OFFICES ON 2ND AND 3RD FLOORS. TOP FLOOR APARTMENT IN CONTRAST MUST BE COMPLETED (1948 PLANS SHOWING TWO SMALL APARTMENTS ON TOP FLOOR REPRESENT INTENTIONS WHICH WERE APPARENTLY NEVER REALIZED) TO ALLOW TWO AMERICAN EMPLOYEES TO LIVE ON 4TH AND 5TH FLOORS.

2. EMBOFF KINZER WAS INFORMED NOV 14 BY DIRECTOR, BRATISLAVA BRANCH, CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICE OF SERVICES TO DIPLOMATIC CORPS (SPRAVA):

A. SPRAVA MUST HAVE WRITTEN STATEMENT OF OUR INTENT TO CONTRACT ALL OR PART OF RENOVATION WITH BRATISLAVA CONSTRUCTION ENTERPRISES BY DEC 1973, IF THEY ARE TO INCLUDE THIS IN THEIR 1974 BUDGET. OTHERWISE, THEY CANNOT GUARANTEE THEY WILL BE ABLE TO DO WORK IN 1974.

B. TWO MONTHS WILL BE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE CONTRACTS AND PLANS BEFORE WORK CAN BEGIN. THUS, EVEN WITH IMMEDIATE DECISION TO CONTRACT WITH SPRAVA, WORK COULD NOT BEGIN IN FEB, 1974, AT THE EARLIEST.

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3. IF DEPT INTENDS TO HOLD TO SCHEDULED JULY 74, OPENING, WE

RECOMMEND FBO SELECT CONTRACTOR (S) ON BASIS OF BIDS PRESENTLY IN HAND AND REQUESTED, AND AUTHORIZE EMBASSY TO GIVE SPRAVA LETTER OF INTENTION BY DEC. 15, UNLESS THERE ARE OTHER BIDDERS PREPARED TO COMPLETE RENOVATION SOONER THAN PRESENT ONES (WE KNOW OF NONE), REQUESTS FOR REVISED BIDS WILL SO DELAY BEGINNING OF WORK THAT OPENING WOULD HAVE TO BE POSTPONED SEVERAL MONTHS AT LEAST, UNLESS DEPT. PREPARED TO SEE CONSULATE OPENING FROM HOTEL ROOMS.

4. VIENNA PLEASE IMPRESS ON THIERGAERTNER AND LANG URGENCY OF THEIR SUBMITTING BIDS TO FBO.

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